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TEXT: AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER'S ADDRESS  
TO TAIPEI AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN ADDRESS AS DELIVERED BY UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER BEFORE A DINNER MEETING OF THE TAIPEI AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 AT THE MAAG OFFICERS CLUB ANNEX.)

BEGIN TEXT:

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT WE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SEE TODAY AS THE BROAD TREND OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES IN THE WORLD AND IN EAST ASIA, WITH PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND  
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CHINESE-AMERICAN BILATERAL RELATIONS.

THE CENTRAL POLITICAL FACT OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE OVER RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN THE MOVING AWAY FROM AN INTRANSIGENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO POWER BLOCS. THIS HAS BEGUN TO GIVE WAY TO A PATTERN OF DIALOGUE AND COMMUNICATION AND WITH THIS HAS ALSO COME A GROWING DIFFUSION OF THE CENTERS OF THE POWER.

THE HISTORIC NATIONS, INCLUDING THE TRADITIONAL "GREAT POWERS," HAVE BEEN JOINED BY THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS WHO ACHIEVED THEIR FREEDOM AT THE CLOSE OF WORLD WAR II OR LATER IN THE RAPID DECOLONIALIZATION PERIOD OF THE 1960'S. THESE NEW NATIONS HAVE COME THROUGH AN INITIAL TRIAL PERIOD ANY MANY OF THEM ARE NOW DEVELOPING GREATER STRENGTH AND WITH IT GREATER STABILITY AND SELF-RELIANCE.

THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND IN PARTICULAR AS INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONTINUE TO EXPAND TO LEVELS UNDREAMED OF EVEN A DECADE OR SO AGO, THE UNMISTAKABLE FACT THAT WE LIVE IN A WHOLLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD HAS GAINED INCREASING RECOGNITION. IF WE STILL NEEDED A LESSON, WHAT COULD HAVE DEMONSTRATED THIS MORE POWERFULLY THAN THE ENERGY CRISIS AND ITS WORLDWIDE IMPACT' WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE HAS GROWN THE CONVICTION THAT WE MUST MOVE TOWARD NEW ARRANGEMENTS, TOWARD NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AND AWAY FROM THE STERILE AND IMMOBILIZED CONFRONTATIONS OF THE PAST. THIS IS ESSENTIAL IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO MAKE THE GLOBAL ECONOMY ON WHICH WE ALL DEPEND FUNCTION PROPERLY.

GIVEN THIS INTERDEPENDENCE, AND COUPLED WITH IT THE TERRIBLE CAPACITY FOR SELF-DESTRUCTION WHICH MAN NOW POSSESSES, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BUILD AN INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE PLEDGED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND THE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION. NO MATTER HOW IMPERFECT ITS STRUCTURE AND NO MATTER HOW SUSPECT AND OPPORTUNISTIC WE MAY CONSIDER SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO BE, WE HAVE NO REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE IF STARVATION, ECONOMIC STAGNATION, NUCLEAR WAR AND OTHER HORRORS ARE TO BE AVOIDED.

THE UNITED STATES IS NOT NAIVE AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE COUNTER CURRENTS AND COUNTER FORCES AT WORK. WE DO NOT DELUDE OURSELVES ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF MANY OF THE WORLD'S GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING SOME IN EAST ASIA. OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE FAR FROM THE

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IDEAL OF UNIVERSAL PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD, BUT THE FACT IS THAT WE ARE GROWING INEXORABLY MORE AND MORE INTERDEPENDENT AND WE MUST FIND A WAY TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH OUR FELLOW MEN ON THIS PLANET OR ACCEPT SOME DIRE CONSEQUENCES.

THE UNITED STATES IS BOTH PARTICIPATING IN THE PROPAGATION OF THIS NEW SPIRIT AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ATTEMPTING TO RESPOND TO ITS DEMANDS. THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST,

LEADING TO THE AGREEMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA, IS ONE EXAMPLE. THE CONTINUING EFFORTS AT DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS ANOTHER. LIKEWISE, PRESIDENT NIXON'S GUAM DOCTRINE: IT TAKES ACCOUNT NOT ONLY OF THE GROWING ABILITY OF EAST ASIAN NATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY, BUT ALSO OF THE IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF NATIONAL SPIRIT THAT THEY DO SO AND, IN TERMS OF REGIONAL SPIRIT, THAT THEY COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER IN DOING SO.

THE CHINA POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OUR ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM STERILE CONFRONTATION AND TOWARD A MORE DURABLE STRUCTURE OF PEACE.

THE DECLARATIONS WHICH THE UNITED STATES MADE IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE STATE OUR OVERALL CHINA POLICY. THEY ALSO REFLECT OUR EAST ASIAN POLICY AND CERTAIN GENERAL WORLDWIDE PRINCIPLES: E.G., DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES SHOULD BE SETTLED WITHOUT RESORT TO THE USE OR THREAT OF FORCE; THERE SHOULD BE RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES; THERE SHOULD BE AN END TO AGGRESSION AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES, AND SO ON.

SPECIFICALLY ON THE SUBJECT OF TAIWAN, IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMED ITS INTEREST IN A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BY THE CHINESE PARTIES THEMSELVES.

I RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PEKING AND THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BOTH PRESENTED THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WITH CERTAIN PROBLEMS. I SALUTE THE DIGNITY AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD OF READJUSTMENT OF RELATIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT TURNED ITS BACK ON THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AND IN MOVING TO CREATE A LESS HOSTILE UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HAVING IN MIND AMONG OTHER THINGS THE IMPERATIVES OF INTERDEPENDENCE MENTIONED EARLIER, THE UNITED STATES HAS AND WILL MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THUS, WHILE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION PROCESS HAS POSED DIFFICULTIES HERE WE BELIEVE IT WILL IN THE LONG RUN SERVE THE MOST BASIC INTERESTS OF ALL OF US, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WAR IS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST, AND THE OVERALL THREAT OF WAR RECEDES, WE FEEL, AS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS EXPAND AND PROSPER. REFUSAL TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL AREAS OF CONFLICT CAN ONLY EXACERBATE TENSION AND INCREASE THE CHANCES OF WAR. HAVING SAID THIS, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP CERTAIN MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT OUR POLICY. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT ENDORSED COMMUNISM OR THE INTERNAL POLICIES

OF THE PRC, NOR DOES THE UNITED STATES EXPECT THE PRC TO EMBRACE CAPITALISM OR AMERICAN-STYLE DEMOCRACY. AND WE HAVE NOT ABANDONED THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES WE HAVE IN THE AREA, OR THOSE WHICH WE CAN BRING INTO THE AREA IF NEEDED TO DEFEND OUR INTERESTS AND MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENTS.

INSTEAD, WE AND APPARENTLY THE PRC FIND IT IN OUR COMMON INTEREST, GIVEN THE PRESENT WORLD SIUTATION, TO ESTABLISH CONTACT AND TO CREATE MECHANISMS THROUGH WHICH WE CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES. BOTH SIDES HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NATIONS OUGHT TO BEHAVEIN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN PRINCIPLES, THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR WHICH ARE IRRESPONSIBLE.

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR IS THE CENTRAL BASIS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY. WE WILL WORK FOR REDUCED TENSIONS; IN EAST ASIA, AS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF PEACE; AND HERE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS ELSEWHERE, WE WILL FULLY KEEP OUR WORD AND OUR COMMITMENTS.

I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS READ- JUSTMENT IN POLICY WHICH SHOULD INTERFERE WITH THE CONTINUING EXPANSION OF THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. OUR COOPERATION HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME. IT IS DEEP AND BROAD AND OF BENEFIT TO BOTH. SPECIFICALLY, THE AVENUES OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION OBVIOUSLY ARE OF MAJOR INTEREST AND CONCERN TO ALL OF US HERE TONGITH. UNCLASSIFIED

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AND SO, HAVING OFFERED A POLITICAL CONTEXT, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, I WOULD LIKE NOW TO TURN TO THE ECONOMIC ASPECT OF OUR RELATIONS HERE ON TAIWAN.

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IT IS GRATUITOUS PERHAPS FOR AN OUTSIDER -- AND A NEW ONE  
AT THAT -- TO COMMENT ON THESE INTERNAL MATTERS. STILL, WE AND  
OUR CHINESE HOSTS ARE GOOD FRIENDS AND HAVE A COMMON CONCERN FOR  
THE CONTINUING VITALITY OF THE ECONOMY OF THE ROC. THIS  
PARTICULAR AUDIENCE, MOREOVER, HAS A LEGITIMATE AND INTIMATE  
INTEREST IN THESE QUESTIONS.

EVERYONE WELL KNOWS THAT THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS IN A  
STATE OF DIFFICULT TRANSITION AND FLUX MARKED BY SEVERE INFLATION  
AS WELL AS MONETARY AND TRADE PROBLEMS. AS IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF  
THE WORLD TRADING COMMUNITY, NEITHER THE U.S. NOR THE ROC HAS  
ESCAPED THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE ECONOMIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES ARE  
GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD. HERE IN THE ROC, INFLATION  
BECAME A SERIOUS PROBLEM DURING THE PAST YEAR, EVEN THOUGH WHOLE-  
SALE AND RETAIL PRICES RECENTLY HAVE STABILIZED. BUSINESS  
FAILURES, ESPECIALLY AMONG MARGINAL CONCERNS, HAVE INCREASED,  
AND THE ROC'S MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MARKETS HAVE BEEN SLUGGISH  
DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

THE MAJORITY OF TRADING NATIONS FACE SIMILAR PROBLEMS; THE  
KEY ISSUE FOR EACH NATION IS HOW EFFECTIVELY IT FACES UP TO ITS  
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PROBLEMS. THE GROC'S ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM OF JANUARY  
1974 WAS THIS COUNTRY'S RESPONSE TO AN INCREASINGLY DISTURBING  
SITUATION. IN GENERAL, THE ECONOMIC STABLIZATION PROGRAM HAS  
HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT; THUS FAR, THE INFLATION HAS BEEN LARGELY  
BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. SOME OF THE MEASURES WERE DEBATED WHEN  
THE PROGRAM WAS FIRST PROMULGATED; SOME OF THEM ALREADY HAVE  
BEEN MODIFIED IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES  
AND SOME OTHERS MAY BE MODIFIED IN THE FUTURE IF THE GROC  
DETERMINES THAT THE DEFLATIONARY IMPACT OF THE ESP HAS BEEN  
TOO SEVERE. BUT BY AND LARGE ESP HAS WORKED.

THE DISLOCATIONS IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM HAVE HIT THE  
ROC AT A CRITICAL AND SENSITIVE TIME. THE ECONOMY OF TAIWAN,

WHICH HAS PASSED THROUGH THE STAGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, IS JOINING THE RANKS OF INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON CAPITAL INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES SUCH AS PETRO-CHEMICALS, STEEL AND AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING. WHEN COMPLETED, THIS DRAMATIC TRANSFORMATION WILL PLACE THE ROC IN THE FOREFRONT OF DEVELOPING NATIONS.

IT WILL ALSO BRING MAJOR NEW CHALLENGES. FOR ONE THING, THERE MUST BE CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE EXPORT SECTOR SINCE THE DOMESTIC MARKET IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO ABSORB THE PRODUCTION FROM TAIWAN'S INDUSTRIES. AT PRESENT, THE EXPORT SECTOR CONSTITUTES APPROXIMATELY 52PERCENT OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND THE ABILITY OF THE ECONOMY TO EXPAND WILL DEPEND ON THE CONTINUED STRONG PERFORMANCE OF THAT SECTOR, AND THE COMBINED TALENTS OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT PERFORMANCE. AS WE SEE IT, THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO EXPAND THE PHYSICAL INFRA-STRUCTURE, TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SOUND MONETARY POLICIES AND TO DO WHATEVER IS REASONABLE TO IMPROVE THE ALREADY FAVORABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE. INDUSTRY WILL HAVE TO ADAPT TO A NEW COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT BY IMPROVING QUALITY CONTROL, BY ENGAGING IN FAR MORE AGGRESSIVE MARKETING EFFORTS AND BY ADOPTING MODERN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND SOUND FISCAL PROCEDURES. THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE ROC CAN'T BE COMPETITIVE EVEN THOUGH THE ECONOMY IS MOVING INTO MORE SOPHISTICATED, CAPITAL INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES.

I HASTEN TO ADD THAT THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF LABOR INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES AND THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR ALSO SHOULD

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NOT BE OVERLOOKED. TEXTILES, ELECTRONICS, FOOTWEAR AND PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR OVER 50 PERCENT OF EXPORTS BY VALUE DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MAY 1974, CAN RETAIN THEIR IMPORTANCE IF PRICES CAN BE KEPT COMPETITIVE AND IF QUALITY IS HIGH.

UNLIKE MANY OF YOU, I WAS NOT HERE DURING TAIWAN'S DECADE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, JUST PAST, WHEN THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT INCREASED AN AVERAGE OF 10 PERCENT PER YEAR. SO YOU WILL UNDERSTAND MY DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING WHY ECONOMIC GROWTH THIS YEAR IS NOT REGARDED AS SATISFACTORY. I READ REPORTS THAT THE GROWTH RATE MAY BE ONLY SEVEN OR EIGHT PERCENT THIS YEAR. GRANTED THAT SUCH A RATE IS NOT AS GOOD AS 10 PERCENT, IT IS STILL A VERY HIGH FIGURE AND ONE THAT FEW OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO BOAST OF.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IMPRESSED ME MOST WHILE I WAS PREPARING TO COME TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WAS HOW THIS ISLAND HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED IN THE SHORT SPAN OF 20 YEARS FROM AN UNDERDEVELOPED, WAR-TORN, ESSENTIALLY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INTO

AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. IT TOOK HARD WORK, DEDICATION, A MOTIVATED AND DISCIPLINED LABOR FORCE, INTELLIGENT LEADERSHIP AND THE MOBILIZATION OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES AND IT ALSO TOOK EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. AS AMERICANS, WE CAN TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN OUR CONTRIBUTION. DURING THE PERIOD 1951-1965, U.S. AID WAS PROBABLY AN INDISPENSABLE FACTOR IN STABILIZING THE ECONOMY, MOBILIZING DOMESTIC SAVINGS AND BUILDING UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, U.S. AID PROGRAMS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE NOT ALL BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL BUT FULL CREDIT SHOULD GO TO THOSE IN TAIWAN WHO FURNISHED THE AID JUDICIOUSLY AND THOSE WHO SAW TO ITS WISE UTILIZATION.

SINCE 1965, WHEN OUR CONCESSIONAL ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM TERMINATED BECAUSE IT WAS NO LONGER NEEDED, U.S. AND OTHER PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE AN OUTSIDE STIMULUS TO TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME, U.S. INVESTMENT APPROVALS AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY US\$400 MILLION, OUT OF A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY US\$1.1 BILLION IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT APPROVALS. IT IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ECONOMY AND IS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND. DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1974 ALONE, APPROVED U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT TOTALLED OVER US\$12

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MILLION AND A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ARE AWAITING APPROVAL. YOU PROBABLY ARE AWARE, IN THAT CONNECTION, THAT THE GROC WISHES TO SEE INVESTMENT INCREASINGLY DIRECTED INTO CAPITAL INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES. RAPIDLY GROWING DOMESTIC INVESTMENT, OF COURSE, IS PLAYING THE KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

AS U.S. BUSINESSMEN YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FUTURE U.S.-ROC ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS. THEY HAVE BEEN CLOSE FOR 25 YEARS AND I EXPECT THEM TO REMAIN SO. THE U.S. WILL CONTINUED TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE MARKET FOR PRODUCTS FROM THE ROC AND VICE VERSA. AS THE ROC ECONOMY CONTINUES TO GROW, IT WILL REQUIRE INCREASING QUANTITIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, CONSUMER GOODS, AND SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY. IF U.S. EXPORTS ARE PRICE COMPETITIVE AND CONTINUE TO ENJOY EQUAL ACCESS TO TAIWAN'S MARKET, THERE IS NO REASON WHY OUR EXPORTS SHOULD NOT RETAIN AN IMPORTANT SHARE OF THE MARKET. THS SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR EXPORTS FROM HERE TO THE US., ASSUMING ROC PRICES ADJUST TO CHANGING COMPETITIVE DEMANDS AND QUALITY IS MAINTAINED UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

I HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT U.S. INVESTMENT IS DESIRED AS MUCH IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS DO REPORT THAT OCCASIONAL PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN WITH RESPECT TO THE GROC'S FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS. I CAN'T JUDGE HOW WIDESPREAD OR SERIOUS THESE PROBLEMS MAY BE BUT PAST EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT YOU CAN READILY EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS AND OPINIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GROC, WHICH WILL BE

SYMPATHETIC AND RESPONSIVE, SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE SAID  
FOR ALL COUNTRIES.

I KNOW THE LOCAL U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAD CLOSE RELATIONS  
WITH MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY, AND IS IN PRACTICALLY  
DAILY CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF. OUR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES  
ABROAD CANNOT PROSPER WITHOUT SUCH CONTACT AND COOPERATION.  
YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I AM DETERMINED TO SEE THAT IT IS NOT  
ONLY MAINTAINED BUT, IF POSSIBLE, FURTHER STRENGTHENED.

I CONSIDER MYSELF FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK  
IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS ARE SO EVIDENT.  
IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, THIS INCLUDES A COMPLEX OF INTIMATE AND  
EASY CONTACTS AMONG THE GROC, THE EMBASSY AND THE BUSINESS  
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COMMUNITY -- BOTH CHINESE AND AMERICAN. IN OUR WORK HERE, WE  
ALL HAVE AT LEAST TWO INTERESTS IN COMMON: THE PROSPERING OF  
THE ROC ECONOMY AND A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AND EVEN IMPROVE THE  
CLOSE RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE  
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